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The NBA has suspended its season "until further notice." The NHL is considering similar action.

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Men's and women's tournament games will be off-limits to the general public.

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Tom Hanks infected

Oscar-winning actor Tom Hanks said he and his wife have the novel coronavirus.

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"We made a lifesaving move with early action on China," President Donald Trump said from the Oval Office at the White House on Wednesday about the spread of the novel coronavirus. "Now we must take the same action with Europe.

Trump speech: Travel into the U.S. by foreigners from 26 countries put on hold

By Jill Colvin, Zeke Miller, Lisa Mascaro and Andrew Taylor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » Taking dramatic action, President Donald Trump announced Wednesday he is sharply restricting passenger travel from 26 European nations to the U.S. and moving to ease the economic cost of a viral pandemic that is roiling global financial markets and disrupting the daily lives of Americans.

Trump, in a rare Oval Office address to the nation, said the month-long restriction on travel would begin Friday at midnight.

After days of playing down the novel coronavirus threat, he blamed Europe for not acting quickly enough to address the "foreign virus" and claimed that U.S. clusters were "seeded" by European travelers.

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Trump said the restrictions won't

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More cases: Fifth person in Riverside County tests positive; woman in L.A. County dies from new virus

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Health officials reported Los Angeles County's first novel coronavirus-related death and Riverside County announced a fifth case on Wednesday, the same day international officials declared the outbreak a pandemic.

Officials in both counties announced a total of nine new COVID-19 cases Wednesday, including a woman who died in Los Angeles County and the fifth confirmed diagnosis in Riverside County's Coachella Valley. New cases were reported in Long Beach and Pasadena, bringing the total number of cases in Los Angeles County to 28. Orange County has two confirmed and three presumptive cases. San Bernardino County has reported no cases.

Wednesday's news came on the heels of The World Health Organization's move to declare the global coronavirus crisis a pandemic, meaning it had spread worldwide.

Meanwhile, jaw-dropping headlines spurred by the outbreak landed one after another on Wednesday, from the NCAA's decision to play March Madness tournament games without spectators and President Donald Trump's ban on travel to and from most of Europe to the suspension of the rest of the NBA basketball season. A-list actors Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson posted from Australia that they've tested positive to the virus.

The new patient in Coachella Valley acquired the virus locally after contact from a known source, so it's not considered community spread, said Jose Arballo Jr., a Riverside County public health spokesman.

"They're in at-home isolation," Arballo said. "They are well enough in their condition to be at home and not hospitalized."

In L.A. County, Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said one of the new cases reported is likely the county's second case of community spread, meaning investigators do not know how the person contracted the virus.

The person who died in L.A. County was a woman older than 60 who was in the area visiting friends, Ferrer said. She had an underlying medical condition and a history of extensive international travel, including a long

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Some UC Riverside students wear masks to protect themselves from possible infection by the new coronavirus on campus in Riverside on Wednesday.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Some Inland colleges shift to online classes, cancel events

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Some Inland Empire colleges and universities are moving to online-only classes, canceling some events and preparing for other changes in response to the novel coronavirus.

UC Riverside was the first to announce Tuesday that winter quarter final exams will not be held in person and that in-person instruction should be minimized for the remainder of the quarter, and that instructors should plan for spring quarter to be online only. On Wednesday, La Sierra University, the Claremont Colleges and Western University of Health Sciences followed suit with instruction changes of their own.

While Riverside County and surrounding counties have experienced the community spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the new virus, no one at UCR has COVID-19, Chancellor Kim Wilcox wrote in a letter to the campus community.

"However, as local, national and global public health recommendations shift to include mitigation of transmission, we are proactively taking steps that will help to protect the community," Wilcox wrote.

Riverside County's health officer declared a public health emergency Sunday. By the next day, four people in Riverside County had tested positive for COVID-19, including one case of community spread, in addition to two residents who

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RAPE TRIAL

Weinstein gets 23 years in sentence hailed by accusers

Judge imposes near maximum time as the former Hollywood mogul claims confusion over #MeToo

By Michael R. Sisak, Tom Hays and Jennifer Peltz
The Associated Press

NEW YORK » Harvey Weinstein was sentenced Wednesday to 23 years in prison after breaking his courtroom silence with a rambling plea for mercy in which he professed to be "totally confused" by the #MeToo movement that spelled the Hollywood producer's downfall.

His accusers — those who testified against him and many others who have spoken out elsewhere against the former Hollywood mogul — hailed the near-maximum punishment for his rape and criminal sex act convictions as long overdue.

The 67-year-old Weinstein, who arrived at the courthouse Wednesday in a wheelchair and used a walker throughout the trial after recent back surgeries, could spend the rest of his life behind bars.

He was convicted last month of raping a once-aspiring actress in a New York City hotel room in 2013 and forcibly performing oral sex on former TV and film production assistant Mimi Haleyi at his apartment in 2006. He faced a minimum of five years and a maximum of 29 years in

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In this courtroom sketch, an officer wheels Harvey Weinstein out of a Manhattan courtroom after his sentencing Wednesday in New York. The 67-year-old movie mogul arrived at the courthouse in a wheelchair and used a walker during his trial.

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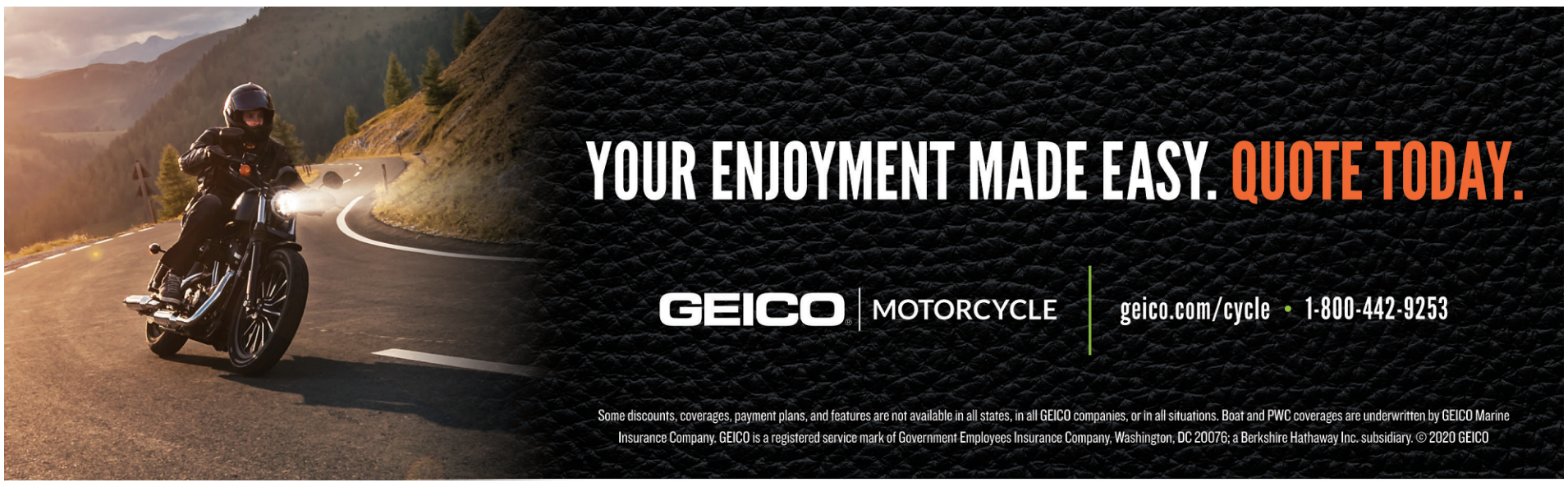
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